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Let's Think about the Future!

10 mins

What questions do you have about the future of the Church in Australia?

- In your group, talk about what you would like the Church to be like in the future.
- Write down all your responses to this question that you would like the Plenary Council to consider.



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Let's Give Thanks!

5 mins

- Say this prayer together.

Creator God,

We thank you for the encounter with one another today.

*We know that where two or three are gathered,
you are in our midst.*

*Thank you for being with us and for the courage
to speak boldly and with passion,
and the humility to listen with open hearts.*

*We ask you to continue to walk with us, as we discover
the pathway toward the future you are calling us to.*

Amen.

Respond

After your Encounter experience



- Your voice is important to shaping the future of the Church.
- **Submit your individual written responses directly to the Plenary Council team via the website:**

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

You will be invited to respond to 3 questions:

1. What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?
2. What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020?
3. Do you have a story of your experience of faith or the Church you would like to share?

Have Your Say, SUBMIT ONLINE

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Plenary Council 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying...



Listening & Dialogue Encounter Guide

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS

There is no set time that a Listening and Dialogue Encounter must take—this depends on each group and how they would like to experience the encounter.

As a guide, small groups may take approximately **60mins** to complete one experience.

Times provided are only a guide.

STEP 01 Let's Pray!

5 mins

We invite God into our conversation because this helps us to remember that our Church serves God's vision of the world.



You may wish to

- Read a scripture passage
- Sit in silent prayer and reflection
- Pray the Plenary Council Prayer together:

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion in the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.

Amen.

STEP 02 Let's be Silent and Reflect

10 mins

What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?

- Sit quietly for 3-5 mins and think about your answers to the above question.
- While you are thinking, write down all the thoughts and ideas that you have.

STEP 03 Let's Talk to each other!

15 mins

- Talk about all your thoughts and ideas with your group.
- Speak honestly, and when you listen, have an open mind and heart to really understand what the other person is saying.

Speak boldly and with passion, but also listen with an open and humble heart!

(Pope Francis)



STEP 04 Let's Share our Stories!

15 mins

- As a group, choose one topic from all your ideas that you want to focus on.
- Write it below:

Our group thinks God is asking us to:

- Take turns to share a story of your experience related to this topic.
- For example, if the topic is, "Help all people who are homeless in Australia", then you could share a story about a time when you met a person who is homeless, tell what you found out about them, and how they made you feel and why you remember that person.
- Talk about what you think the Church could do about the topic you are discussing.
- Make sure everyone has at least one chance to tell their story.
- Choose a person to take notes from each person's story.
- Once everyone has spoken, sit in silence and think about the stories that have been shared.

How do you feel about what other people said?